



# VENTURER SCOUT AWARD SCHEME: BADGE ACTIVITY STATEMENT



This form and process does not apply to Award activities in the Venturer weekly program e.g. Citizenship night, or Branch approved courses.

<b>Venturer</b>	<b>PART 1</b>		<b>Planned activity: Set the challenge</b> <i>(Submit to Unit Council prior to commencement of the activity)</i>	
	Name of Venturer Scout			
	Unit		Phone number	
	Award type and badge (e.g. VA Pursuits)			
	Detailed plans of intended activities			
	Planned report on the activity <i>(if applicable)</i>			
	Venturer Scout confirms that Examiner has sighted the intended activity details		Date	
<b>Examiner</b>	Is the Examiner already approved by Zone/District Venturer Council (Z/DVC)?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If <u>already approved</u> by Z/DVC, approach examiner directly If <u>not approved</u> , send Examiner details to Z/DVC
	Name of Examiner			Telephone No:
	<i>If not an Approved Examiner, please sign this:</i> <b>I have read the guidelines overleaf and agree to abide by them. I also agree I will ensure that the proposed activity will meet the requirements as listed in the Venturer Scout Record Book.</b>		..... Signature	
	Examiner's qualifications, experience, current role (if relevant)			

<b>Unit Council</b>	<b>PART 2</b>		<b>Approval for the challenge</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2A Unit Council Approval of activity</b> <i>For badge activities (except those listed in point 2 overleaf), Unit Council can approve the submission, prior to commencement of activity. Must be recorded in UC minutes.</i>		<b>OR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2B Unit Council Endorsement of activity</b> <i>For badge activities listed in point 2 overleaf, the Unit Council can endorse the proposed activity, and advise the Z/DVC the work is to commence (subject to using an approved examiner)</i>
	Unit Council member: Signature.....Name.....Date of meeting..... <i>(Record this approval or endorsement in the Unit Council minutes and distribute to the Venturer Scout)</i>			
<b>Z/DVC</b>	<b>2B. Only if examiner needs approval (QS and Outdoor Activities) OR not already approved</b>			
	Attach copy of UC minutes or correspondence from Z/DVC showing that the Examiner has been approved for this activity. Attach copy of UC minutes or correspondence.			
<b>Examiner</b>	<b>PART 3</b>		<b>Assessment of the completed challenge</b>	
	The Venturer Scout has satisfactorily completed the challenge <input type="checkbox"/>		Please comment on the Venturer Scout's achievements:	
Examiner: Signature.....Date..... <i>(also sign the Venturer Scout Record Book)</i>				
<b>Unit Council</b>	<b>PART 4</b>		<b>Approval for the completed challenge</b>	
	The Venturer Scout presents this form and Venturer Scout Record Book (both signed by the Examiner) to Unit Council: with supporting evidence to show that the activity was complete., e.g. reports, logs, photos etc		Unit Council: Approval of completion <input type="checkbox"/>	
Unit Council member: Signature.....Name.....Date of meeting..... <i>(Record this approval in the Unit Council minutes and distribute to the Venturer Scout)</i>				

# Award Scheme - Guidelines for Venturer Scouts and Examiners

**For Examiners:** Thank you for assisting a Venturer Scout to achieve an Award! The award program is designed to challenge the Venturer Scout, expand their interests and assist them to become a capable and responsible adult.

## 1. Who can be an Examiner?

An Examiner is generally not the Venturer Scout's parent or Leaders. Examiners can be:

### Non-Scouting Examiners

Any expert in the associated field known to the Venturer Scout could be used. Examples include: a teacher, (e.g. music teacher for Expressions), a sports coach (e.g. basketball coach for Lifestyles), a responsible person (e.g. supervisor at an Aged Care home for Service) etc.

### Pre approved Examiners

The Zone /District Venturer Council have a list of Approved Examiners in many fields.

### Examiners Outdoor Activities (Expedition, Outdoors, or any adventurous Pursuit badges)

Outdoor Activities are defined as activities of an adventurous nature such as hiking, abseiling, rock climbing, scuba diving, canoeing, sailing etc., involving a level of risk and a requirement for pre training. A Pursuit could also be classed as an adventurous activity and would also need a suitable Examiner, e.g. a Venturer could do rock-climbing for an Outdoor OR a Pursuit badge.

Examiners for Outdoor Activities could be any one of:

- Approved Examiners, or
- a Branch Activity Leader in that activity (the Venturer Leader has contact details), or
- another qualified expert, who would need approval by ZVC / DVC.

## 2. What designated activities need the Examiner approved by ZVC/DVC?

- Any QS badge
- Any VA Outdoor Activity badge or adventurous Pursuit.

## 3. What is the process for achieving a badge?

As some Venturer Scouts also use the Venturer Award Scheme to obtain Certificate II qualifications and the Duke of Edinburgh Award, it is vital to have accurate details of goals and achievements in order to comply with requirements of the training framework. The process for completing a Venturer Scout Award Activity covered by (2) above is:

### Set the challenge: (Venturer Scout and Examiner)

The Venturer Scout and the Examiner establish a commencing skill level and then agree on the level of understanding and achievement that the Venturer Scout is required to attain over an agreed period of time that sets a reasonable challenge for the individual. Except in special circumstances, the challenge must meet all of the requirements listed in the "Venturer Scout Record Book".

### Approval for the challenge: (Unit Council)

The Venturer Scout submits this Badge Activity Statement to Unit Council for discussion and recording in the minutes before the activity commences. If the Examiner also needs approval, then this Badge Activity Statement is submitted to the ZVC/DVC. (See above point 2 for designated activities that require Z/DVC approved examiners)

### Complete the challenge: (Venturer Scout)

The Venturer Scout then undertakes and completes the activity within an agreed time and to the agreed level. The Venturer Scout should consult the Examiner and/or Venturer Scout Leader if there is any difficulty with progress or other aspects of the activity. The plan for the completion of the activity may have some small modifications if necessary, with the agreement of the Examiner providing it still meets the requirements outlined in the Venturer Scout Record Book.

### Assess the completed challenge: (Examiner)

Upon completion, the Examiner should use the agreed levels of understanding and achievement to assess the work completed, the effort expended and improvement or achievement that the Venturer Scout has attained. If not satisfactory, the Examiner may decide that some additional work may be required to be assessed as competent.

When satisfied, the Examiner signs and dates the Venturer Scout Record Book and this Badge Activity Statement.

### Approval for the completed challenge: (Unit Council)

The Venturer Scout provides to the Unit Council the signed Badge Activity Statement and signed Venturer Scout Record book and any supporting evidence of the activity: reports, logs, photos etc. The activity completion is recorded in the minutes.

*Note that a fixed pass level is not intended; rather, some worthwhile improvement in the performance or understanding of the subject is expected. A key factor is that there may be some difference in understanding and ability for individual Venturer Scouts, which must be taken into account in the final assessment.*

## 4. More information?

Your Venturer Scout Leader can assist with ideas for badges, resources and feedback on your plans for badges. All Venturer Scouts and Examiners are also welcome to attend any of the regular meetings of the Z/DVC. Website [www.vicscouts.com.au](http://www.vicscouts.com.au)

Your Zone / District Venturer Council contact is .....Phone.....